

AFS Estuaries Section meeting minutes
13 November, 2014
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(Items #8 and onward submitted by Karin Limburg)

Item #1- Konstantine is new treasurer, taking over for Anthony Overton for remainder of his term (lasts until AFS annual meeting in 2015)

- Konstantine has bank account open, agreed to run in future
- account is with capital one – they don't charge minimum balances or have other restrictions, good place for nonprofit, given book with 10 checks, ordered more (cost \$25), check from Anthony deposited here
- reimbursement for Karin's symposium (200 Euros)
- discussion of dropbox file with information from account, issue of security brought up, Konstantine noted that this would just have non-secure data (account #'s would be blacked out), decided GoogleDrive is easier than Dropbox (and Dropbox was hacked earlier this year)
 - would provide running balance to everyone
 - makes process more transparent, more people can see account balances (but not account #, so is still secure)
- password and account number will be held by Treasurer, President (limit it to 2 people)
 - Abigail/Konstantine will check with AFS headquarters for any suggestions on security of accounts
 - short discussion on security of accounts, need to know procedures and safety measures
- membership #'s for current year, when will we know current membership for Estuaries Section and to get check
 - Lee noted in past process has seemed somewhat random
 - Lee said based on past year's #'s we should expect between \$1,000-\$2,000
 - check typically goes to Treasurer directly from AFS Headquarters
 - Abigail will make sure AFS Headquarters knows that Konstantine is new treasurer for our section

Item #2- Nancy Foster Award

- Abigail attended meeting where Award was given
- Award to 1 person and then 2 people (3 people total)
- Future of award?
 - Call for nominations isn't a regular process
 - Check for Winter Meeting if we have heard on next year's award to decide what our involvement in award will be (so we are waiting on update from Tom Bigford)

Item #3-Symposium Otolith – Karin update

- Karin has lots of pictures
- Karin handed out winner of oral presentation (student)
- Early life history also supported conference, also wanted \$ to go to student, gave out glass paperweight inscribed for winners, plaques (with all logos) were also given out

- Karin will write article for next newsletter for AFS Estuaries Section

Item #4- WrapUp Business Meeting Quebec

- Goal activity from meeting
 - would be good to give summary of activity at next year's meeting
- Abigail will add PDF of powerpoint slides from Quebec meeting to end of newsletter (is several slides per page, will check that they are legible)
- Could also put the slides on facebook and have a link from facebook to linkedin

Item #5- Elections

- 2 nominees president elect
- need secretary nominee

Item #6-Symposia

- **Resolving the Multiple Impacts of Anthropogenic Eutrophication on Coastal Fish and Fisheries-** Konstantine- have some moderators, recruiting big talks for submission, submission is due in January, have had some people express interest on LinkedIn
- **Frontiers in Otolith Chemistry: Insights, Advances and Future Directions-** Karin – with Ben Walther from Marine Section

Item #7-Monsters of Stock Assessment

- Update of idea
- Need to hash out more
- working on either half day/full day (would be dictated by interest)
- good speaker, name value, and who will be there
- If anyone has ideas of speakers
 - Steve Munch, Marc Mangel

Item #8 – website update: Abigail Archer reported that she's been in communication with Sarah Gilbert-Fox about re-doing our section's website with WordPress. The AFS is redoing its website, and should be launched fairly soon. Thereafter, Sarah try to harmonize the section's "look" with that of the main site.

Item #9 – Newsletter: the Fall 2014 newsletter is almost finalized; just waiting for a couple of articles. There are many items already in line for a Winter (February) 2015 newsletter. In that newsletter, we will announce a call for nominations for the section's President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Item #10 – Donation to the Equal Opportunity Section: Abigail met the head of the E.O.S. at the governing board meeting, and was so impressed with this leader and their mission that she strongly suggested we make a donation to the E.O.S.'s student travel award. The executive committee agreed this would be a good idea, and the amount of the contribution would have to be evaluated once our other financial commitments become clear.

As a footnote to this, Abigail and Karin were approached last summer for section sponsorship of a conference on in-stream flow. However, this appears to be more of an industry-oriented conference, and the requested amount exceeded our budget.